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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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The Examiner is requested to consider the references noted on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 during examination of the above-identified patent application. These references are submitted for the Examiner's consideration and are submitted pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. In submitting these references, no representation is made or implied that the references are or are not material to the examination of the application. The Examiner is encouraged to make his or her own determination of materiality. Copies of the references are provided.

The references cited on the attached PTO-1449 were cited in a European Search Report dated 31 October 2003, of corresponding European patent application No. 03 25 4765 . A copy of the European Search Report is enclosed herewith.

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German Patent Nos. 19 34 185 and 100 42 155 are not in the English language. Therefore, in compliance with the rule, concise explanations of the relevance of these non-English references are as follows:

German Patent No. 19 34 185 discloses a ceiling construction made from cassette panels (3, 3') that include two parallel, opposite upstanding left and right sides (4, 5). The left and right sides (4,5) have turned left and right edge rims (6,7). Each rim is bent horizontally in the same direction, for left side 4 the left rim 6 is outwardly directed away from the panel 3 and for right side 5, right rim 7 this is inwardly oriented. The left and right horizontal rims 6,7 have a downward hook portion. Left rim 6 has hook 9,10 downward and inwardly shaped and right rim 7 has hook 8 downward. The horizontal left rim 6 is longer than right rim 7. The shape is such to allow the panel to be unhooked and hang by its left hook 9,10 from an adjacent panel right hook 8", its upstanding left side 4 in contact with upstanding right side 5" of an adjacent panel. (see figures 1 and 2).

German Patent No. 100 42 155 discloses the cladding element (1,2,3) rectangular of plate or perforated sheet or expanded metal having edging (9,10) to form connecting strips (9,10) to join to other cladding elements etc. The strips (9,10) have reinforcing elements which face one another on adjoining cladding elements ready for joining by bolts run into reinforcing element holes provided. The reinforcing elements fit into profiled and recessed parts of the connecting strips, using screws or rivets to join strips to reinforcing elements in each case. The inserted bolts are held firm by locking rings engaged with bolt grooves.

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